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Cal Poly To Open New Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Center

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- Cal Poly's latest Student Life and Leadership program, the Pride Alliance, will celebrate National Coming Out Day on Oct. 11 with an open house at its new LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender) Center.

The public is invited to the festivities, including speakers and refreshments, from noon to 2 p.m. at the new center, located in Rooms 104 and 105 in a modular facility between the University Union and the Science Building.

Also as part of National Coming Out Day, best-selling author Christian de la Huerta will talk about his experiences as a gay man raised Catholic in communist Cuba. His talk, "Coming Out Spiritually," will be at 5:30 p.m. Oct. 11 in Philips Hall in the Christopher Cohan Center. The public is also invited to the free talk, sponsored by the university's Multicultural Center.

The Pride Alliance and the LGBT Center are among several initiatives at Cal Poly intended to improve the campus climate for all students. Their mission is to provide programming, networking and resources to raise awareness and educate students of diverse backgrounds about lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and related issues.

For more information, call the center at 756-PRDE (-7733).

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